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ORDERED NOW WILL BE HELD
FOR AUTUMN DELIVERY.

Permit us to call attention to the advisability of ordering now, to be delivered in the Autumn, such Carpets, Rugs, Linoleums and other Floor Coverings as may be needed. The adoption of this suggestion will relieve our patrons of any possible anxiety they may anticipate as to delayed execution of orders, due to the extreme pressure of business in the active Fall season. The exact date for laying will be carefully recorded and the work skillfully and promptly done.

The excellent facilities of our Washington office, supplemented by the large organization of our headquarters in New York, insure every possible advantage to customers in the matter of advance orders for the Autumn.

Our new assortments of weaves and designs are now ready. Samples and prices promptly submitted upon telephonic or written request.

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YOU'LL LOOK RIGHT AND FEEL RIGHT IN ONE OF OUR SNAPPY \$10.00 SUITS

You'll pay \$15.00 for a suit of the same style and quality at uptown stores. Because we are out of the High Rent District we save you one-third.

President suspenders—sold the world over 35c for 50c—our price.

The Most Exclusive Suits, \$15 to \$30.

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The Man's Department Store. 901-909 8th St. S. E.



FLORISTS' BANQUET SCENE OF BEAUTY

Diners Revel in Fairland
of Flowers.

Casting aside the cares and worries of everyday business life, prominent business men of the Capital, with ladies, enjoyed the annual banquet of the Washington Florists' Association at Rauscher's last night.

The large banquet hall was transformed into a veritable fairland of flowers, a masterpiece of the florists' decorative art. Green and white were used effectively in the decoration scheme, and the banquet room was a scene of floral splendor seldom equaled in this city.

Ninety-five diners were present, more than half of whom were beautifully gowned women, whose presence added much to the picturesqueness of the occasion.

A pleasant surprise to Toastmaster William F. Gude came shortly after the opening of the festivities, when Fred M. Owens, in an eloquent little speech, presented him a handsome silver service. The set consisted of twelve pieces, and was the gift of Mr. Gude's friends in daily business life.

Mr. Gude was completely overcome, and it was some time before he could make a brief speech of thanks and appreciation to the donors.

The part that flowers play in the molding of civic life and beauty furnished themes for several brief after-dinner addresses. Among those who spoke were Commissioners Rudolph and Judson, former Commissioner Macfarland, and Fred M. Owens.

TIRED OF KEEPING HUSBAND.

Baltimore Woman Says He Has Repaid by Violent Conduct.

Baltimore, May 3.—Randolph N. Dame was sued for a partial divorce to-day by his wife, Mildred G. Dame. The allegations are cruelty, Mrs. Dame averring that her husband whom she had supported and had repaid her by violent conduct.

The bill of complaint states that the couple were married December 31, 1909. Mrs. Dame avers that after the ceremony she spent \$1,000 on furnishings and equipment for the apartment. She says her husband, who is the son of a well-known clergyman, has been supported and maintained by her, although she believes that he gets an income from his business as real estate broker.

MARRIED NINETY YEARS.

Florence, Colo., May 3.—Census returns of this place include a pair of remarkable schedules in the case of Francisco Esper and his wife, Rafael, who claim to be 110 and 107 years of age, respectively, and to have been married ninety years.

According to the information given by their granddaughter, Mrs. Julia Montoya, with whom they live, Esper, who is of French parentage, was born in what is now New Mexico, in 1800, and his wife was born in Taos, Mexico, in 1803. They were married at Santa Fe in 1803. One son, the survivor of ten children, still lives in New Mexico. He is eighty-five years old.

White Unfermented Grape Juice

A pure, clear non-alcoholic beverage, made from the choicest California grapes. It is splendid for the convalescent. Makes a most excellent punch, too. Per bottle, 50 cents. Per dozen, \$5.50.

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DEALERS GET PROFITS

B. F. Yoakum Explains High
Cost of Foodstuffs.

TALKS AT FARMERS' MEETING

Chairman of 'Frisco Railroad System Declares Heavy Reductions in Freight Rates Absorbed by Middlemen—Advocates Better Marketing Methods—Cost of Drainage.

St. Louis, May 3.—Excessive profit-taking by middlemen was the reason assigned for high prices of food stuffs by B. F. Yoakum, chairman of the 'Frisco system, in an address this afternoon before the farmers' conference.

He declared the heavy reduction in freight rates of the last few years had been absorbed by the dealers and not shared in by the farmers or consumers. Better marketing methods were advocated as a means by which farmers would get better prices for the food they raise, and at the same time lower figures would be given to those who buy the stuff for use in the kitchen.

This railroad man described the demagogic politician as a disturbing and expensive middle agent, and urged that he be cut out in the dealings which the railroads and the farmers should have with each other.

Solved by Organization.
"The most important force for the welfare of the nation will come when the landowners are organized," said Mr. Yoakum. "The organization is important not only for the benefits to the farmers, but on account of money saved the consumers. It is not prices received by farmers which make living expenses high, but the profits of the dealers."

"The Florida farmer receives \$2.50 for a bushel of green beans, the railroad gets 50 cents for the 800 mile haul to New York, and the consumer pays \$4.50 for it. There is 35 per cent for the grower, 8 per cent for the carrier, and 57 per cent for the dealer. This is not a fair division."

"Thirty cents a dozen was the average price of eggs in New York last year, while the farmers of Arkansas and Missouri received 15 cents. The freight was 2 cents a dozen. The men who receive the eggs at a freight station in New York and deliver to the consumer take 13 cents a dozen profit."

"The rice farmer of Texas, Louisiana, and Arkansas gets two and one-half cents a pound. The freight is one-half cent a pound. If the rice farmer were paid three and one-half cents (one cent more than he is now getting), and the dealer took one cent profit (which is 25 per cent), the New York consumer would get twenty pounds of rice for a dollar, instead of ten pounds, as now."

Cotton Growers Lose.
"Every member of every community is interested in aiding the farmers to organize a system of doing business direct from the field to the table. Effective organization cannot be had by creating prejudice through politicians who have no relief to offer. The cotton growers are not organized and are losing money. The railroad takes \$4.50 for hauling a bale of cotton from gin to spinner, but the speculator must have \$5.50 per bale."

"The time will come when States will construct warehouses to aid farmers in marketing their cotton. I understand that Louisiana is to be the first State to take this important step. Under this proposed Louisiana warehouse system, every farmer can ship his cotton to New Orleans and hold it until he is ready to sell. His warehouse receipt is better in the hands of a New England or Manchester spinner than the contract of a speculator to deliver the cotton."

"One of the things advocated by the Farmers' Union is a greater proportion of Federal appropriations for agriculture. In a recent speech in the lower House of Congress, Chairman Tawney, of the Committee on Appropriations, said that 71 per cent of the revenues of the government went for military expenses, which amounted to \$400,000,000 for that period. This is thirty-three times as much as was appropriated for agricultural purposes. This session the Senate has passed a bill providing for \$2,000,000 to pay for a few acres of land in Washington to give a better view of the Capitol. This is the kind of reclamation which Washington understands, and to improve these few acres the legislators are ready to give one-quarter as much as given for agriculture."

Cost of Drainage.
"If the government would spend \$1,500,000 a year for twelve years for drainage, surveys, and in opening waterways to the Gulf, it will make available 25,000,000 acres of Mississippi Valley land for cultivation, and this would be at a cost of 75 cents an acre. This acreage would provide eighty-acre farms for 312,500 families, or 1,500,000 people. It costs \$35 an acre to reclaim land by irrigation. The States of Arkansas, Missouri, and Louisiana are begging for money for reclamation by drainage, but the politicians at Washington are not disposed to heed their appeals."

"During the last five years 400,000 Americans, principally farmers, have left the United States for Canada. They took with them \$1,000 each. Canadian officials, all of whom are taking a personal interest in obtaining the best class of farmers for their country, estimate this year they will get 130,000 American farmers, and that they will bring with them \$130,000,000."

"Nearly all we hear from Washington is about military exploitations and important political controversies. There is no word of encouragement for the development of the country's resources. If we had men in public life who would take the same interest in working out these questions on a practical, commonsense basis, leaving off their tirades against railroads, their services would be of greater advantage to the farmers and consumers."

BAPTISTS MAKE PROGRESS.

Foreign Mission Board Will Report Collections of \$501,000.

Richmond, Va., May 3.—The foreign mission board of the Southern Baptist Convention will report to the convention in Baltimore collections for the year of \$501,000, an increase of \$40,000 over the year before.

The board carries over a debt of \$38,000, the work of last year having been, by the convention's order, upon a much broader field than ever before.

Representatives from the foreign fields were the best in the board's history. There were more than 3,000 baptisms on mission fields, where 246 missionaries and 467 native workers are engaged.

The Norwegians make use of dried seaweed for fuel.

Clearance Sale of Pianos FOR REMODELING PURPOSES,

In which the profits are sacrificed upon many fine Pianos, including the

"WORLD FAMOUS KIMBALL"

PLAYER PIANOS AND OTHER KNOWN MAKES.

We have leased double floor space at 523 11th Street N. W. Rather than have our large stock of fine pianos damaged, as they would likely be if upon our floor when rebuilding, we have decided to sacrifice our profits upon the entire stock, and give you the benefit.

YOUR GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

To get an excellent piano, the one you have had in mind, at Factory Price, and less—in fact, at a price you hardly hoped to obtain. The profits and expenses of the middleman have been eliminated.

It Is the Good Quality that Adds Force to These Prices.

Brand-new Upright \$275 Pianos, standard make, for.....\$198
Brand-new Upright \$225 Pianos, handsome mahogany finish, for.....\$135
Brand-new Upright \$325 Pianos, celebrated makes, for.....\$210
Brand-new Upright \$400 Pianos, famous makes, for.....\$348

Brand-new Upright \$350 Pianos, artist models, for.....\$247
Fine used Upright \$250 Piano, a great bargain, for.....\$125
Splendid Square Pianos, \$10 to \$35.
Magnificent new \$650 Player, two instruments in one, for.....\$465

EVERYTHING MARKED IN PLAIN FIGURES.

In order to dispose of these instruments quickly, we shall give early callers

AN EXTRA DISCOUNT.

To those who purchase an instrument during the first five days of this sale, beginning Monday, May 2, 1910, we shall give an extra credit of \$2 for every \$1 paid down up to \$25; in other words, if you pay \$25 down, we shall give you credit for \$50; for the next ensuing five days, \$1.50 for each \$1 paid down up to \$25, or \$37.50 credit for a \$25 payment.

Call to-day; receive the full benefit of this Big Money-saving Event.

Every Piano a Bargain, and Sold at These Prices Upon Our Easy Payment Plan.

Old Square or Upright Piano or Organ taken in exchange.

Even if you are not just ready, come in anyway—a small amount, just what you say, reserves the piano of your choice.

Act quickly! To-day! To-morrow never comes!

Store open evenings during the sale till 9 o'clock. Musical programme each evening. You are cordially invited.

T. P. Culley & Son, 523 11th St. N. W.

3 Doors South From F Street.

NEWS OF ALEXANDRIA

Strike at Brewery Plant Is Quickly Settled.

MEN GRANTED SHORTER HOURS

Little Credence Given Report that Census Will Show Decrease in City's Population—Business Men Believe Increase Will Be Shown in the Final Returns.

F. Clinton Knight, 65 King street, Alexandria, Va., is authorized agent and carrier for The Washington Herald. The Herald will be delivered daily and Sunday to any address in Alexandria for 50 cents a month.

WASHINGTON HERALD BUREAU, 65 King Street.

Alexandria, Va., May 3.—The strike among the brewers and bottlers at the plant of the Robert Porter Brewing Company, which began this morning, lasted only until evening, and to-morrow morning the forty-eight strikers will return to work, the brewing company having signed a four years' contract with the strikers and acceded to the demands of the union.

The point in dispute was a question of hours, the company having already agreed to that part of the contract providing for an increase in wages among the union men. This afternoon it was decided to grant the last-named request and thereby end the strike. Under the provisions of the new contract, the employees will work eight hours daily all the year around. The provisions of the old contract provided for nine hours daily in summer and eight in winter.

A feature in connection with the signing of the new contract is the curtailment of the supply of beer furnished the employees. This part of the agreement is practically similar to that adopted by the Washington brewers. Heretofore the men, it is stated, received beer at frequent intervals during the day.

The plant was closed to-day, although the delivery department worked with a certain degree of harmony, and the other attaches of the brewery not connected with the union assisted in the delivery of the company's products.

The brewery would have been seriously handicapped by a prolonged strike, inasmuch as this is the busy season. It was also pointed out that it would have in all probability proved a difficult task to fill the places of the striking brewers. Much satisfaction was expressed here to-night that the strike has been settled.

Active preparations are being made by R. E. Lee Camp, Confederate Veterans, for the annual observance of Confederate Memorial Day, May 24. The annual memorial address will, as stated, be delivered at the exercises which will be held at the Confederate Monument by Representative Charles R. Thomas, of North Carolina. The general committee of arrangements named follows: G. William Ramsay, P. F. Gorman, Jesse Murray, A. C. Wycoff, Alexander Lyles; to assist ladies at the monument, J. C. Mil-

burn, Roger Warfield, Jr., and F. J. Davidson; on equestrian near the city, J. W. Hammond, W. H. Yateman, John H. Zimmerman, John S. Blackburn, C. S. Taylor, E. C. Graham, J. P. Woody, R. F. Knox, and J. H. Wiltshire; St. Mary's Cemetery, P. F. Gorman, R. M. Latham, and Levi Hurdle; Ivy Hill Cemetery, Col. Arthur Herbert, George Wise, L. M. Blackford, and Eli Janney.

Plans and estimates for the remodeling of the city jail are now being prepared by B. F. Smith, a Washington architect, at the instance of the joint committee on public property and finance. The proposed improvements will cost approximately \$8,500. Mr. Smith will within a short time submit the plans, which will practically include the rebuilding of the present structure at the northeast corner of St. Asaph and Queen streets and converting it into a modern prison.

But little credence is placed in the report in circulation to the effect that the census will show a decrease in the city's population. Those arguing against this assert that the census enumerators are not permitted to give out any figures, and in view of this it is contended that the report would, therefore, prove baseless as far as official figures are concerned. In addition to this, several of the enumerators had not completed their work at noon to-day. Prominent real estate and other business men feel satisfied that the coming census will show an increase in population. Should it not, efforts may be made by the business men to take a census of the city.

The attention of the Circuit Court for this city, Judge J. B. T. Thornton presiding, was to-day taken up in hearing testimony in the case of Alice McMenamin and her husband, Richard McMenamin, against the Southern Railway Company. The object of the suit is to recover damages in the sum of \$7,500 for injuries alleged to have been done their home by smoke and soot from the engines of the company. The plaintiff is represented by Attorney J. K. M. Norton and the defendant company by Col. F. L. Smith.

William Filippans, five years old, a negro, living at 1406 King street, while in the street to-night was run down by an Adams Express wagon. The accident occurred in King street, between West and Peyton streets. The child was treated by Dr. Wilkins. The driver was cited to appear in court by Policeman Young if wanted.

The Retail Merchants' Association, Incorporated, this city, has been granted a charter by the State corporation commission, with a capital stock of \$5,000. Officers are as follows: R. E. Knight, president; L. Ruben, vice president; J. T. Preston, secretary and treasurer, all of this city.

A charter has been granted the Restone Company, Incorporated, this city, with a maximum capital stock of \$100,000 and a minimum of \$1,000. The objects are to manufacture a brick restone. Officers are as follows: A. Jackson, president; J. Burgess, vice president; H. E. Deckman, secretary and treasurer, all of Washington.

PEOPLE'S BUILDING OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOUTH.

Washington, Tuesday, May 3, 1910.—A p. m.

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It will be cooler Wednesday in the Atlantic and Gulf States, and warmer in the Upper Lake region, the central valleys, and the Plains States. It will be warmer Thursday over the eastern half of the country, and cooler in the Rocky Mountain region and the western portions of the Plains States.

The report was made by the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, at its session to-day, elected the following officers: President general, William A. Marble, New York; vice presidents general, J. S. More, Washington, D. C.; R. M. Sims, Colorado; R. Ballard, Thurston, Ky.; S. D. Bliss, Chicago, and W. B. Dewey, Vermont; secretary general, A. Howard Clark, Washington, D. C.; treasurer general, John H. Burroughs, New York City; historian general, David M. Pierson, New Jersey; chaplain general, Dr. John F. Stone, Chicago.

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U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Weather Bureau.

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